

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 24, 2009 at 9:02 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol. Chairman Himmelberger turned over the gavel to Vice Chairman O'Hara.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Joel Boniek (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Sue Dickenson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 30, 3/20/2009

Executive Action: HJ 30, SB 124

HEARING ON HJ 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:44 Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HJ 30, Study fire suppression issues.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:26 Robert Johnson, Montana AFL-CIO

00:03:42 Rep. Belcourt entered the room.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:13 Rep. Wilmer

00:04:32 Rep. Himmelberger

00:04:44 Rep. Wilmer

00:04:51 Rep. Himmelberger

00:05:21 Vice Chairman O'Hara

00:05:23 Rep. Dickenson and Rep. Brown entered the room.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:27 Rep. Himmelberger

00:06:07 Vice Chairman O'Hara

00:06:19 Vice Chairman O'Hara turned the gavel back over to Chairman Himmelberger.

00:06:33 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 30

00:06:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HJ 30 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Boniek, Rep. Hands, and Rep. Phillips voted by proxy.

00:07:46 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 124

00:08:23 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 124 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:08:25 Chairman Himmelberger

00:08:34 Rep. Ingraham

00:11:15 Rep. Dickenson

00:11:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.
Boniek, Rep. Hands, and Rep. Phillips voted by proxy.
Rep. Ingraham will carry the bill in the House.

00:12:19 Chairman Himmelberger

00:13:11 Rep. Hendrick

00:13:36 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

00:13:50 Adjournment: 9:15 A.M.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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